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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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Special Support Assistant to DI/s

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SUBJECT:

Hall of Honor in New Building

1. On 22 March 1956 the DDCI asked me to take the necessary action to bring before the Building Planning Group his desire to have included in the plans provision for a Hall of Honor. Gen. Cabell has adopted a suggestion that the Agency provide such a place to honor CIA employees who have died, been killed and/or decorated in line of duty. In addition, Gen. Cabell believes that such a Hall would furnish an appropriate setting for display, on occasions, of gifts which have been received by Agency personnel from foreign governments. Gen. Cabell mentioned that as the Agency grows in stature and accomplishments it is only fitting and proper to have a place set aside for special honorific functions to include decoration ceremonies, special awards and possibly the swearing in of all new employees. Provision would have to be made for concealing from view part or all decorations, materials or plaques depending upon the use being made of the Hall.

2. The size of the Hall of Honor should probably be large enough to accommodate comfortably 50 persons. I believe it is reasonable to assume that such a number might be anticipated to be present on the occasion of swearing in a new DDCI or DDCI, presenting one of the Agency's honor awards and, at certain times of the year, when our new employees are arriving in considerable numbers.

3. Interior decoration should be dignified and avoid luxuriousness. I should think a modest type of paneling and a decent rug would be fitting for this place.

4. I believe your main concern at this point would be to provide for the room within the total space planning. I shall be glad to assist further in whatever way is necessary or desirable.

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